

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn) An office furniture system, comprising:
at least one modular wall panel;
a substantially horizontal component attached to at least one said modular wall panel; and
a spill tolerant outlet coupled with said substantially horizontal component, said spill tolerant outlet including:
a housing having a side and an opposite side;
a plurality of electrical terminals accessible through said side; and
at least one fluid drain opening in said opposite side.
2. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein said substantially horizontal component is a work surface.
3. (withdrawn) The system of claim 2, wherein said side of said spill tolerant outlet is substantially parallel with said work surface.
4. (withdrawn) The system of claim 3, wherein said side of said spill tolerant outlet is directed in an upward direction.
5. (withdrawn) The system of claim 4, further comprising at least one fluid direction portion which directs fluid toward a corresponding one of at least one said fluid drain opening.
6. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one fluid drain opening is positioned in a portion of said opposite side that is most distant from said side.

7. (Original) A method of manufacturing a spill tolerant duplex outlet, comprising the steps of:

providing a duplex outlet having a receptor face and a housing connected to said receptor face, said housing having a side opposite said receptor face; and

adding at least one hole in said side.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of determining at least one location in said housing in which fluid will gather.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein at least one said hole is placed through said housing proximate to said at least one location.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said at least one hole is made by one of drilling, melting and abrading.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of orienting said duplex outlet such that said receptor face is upward and said side is downward.

12. (Original) A spill tolerant electrical outlet, comprising:

a housing having a side and an opposite side;

a plurality of electrical terminals accessible through openings in said side; and

at least one fluid drain opening in said opposite side.

13. (Original) The outlet of claim 12, wherein said opposite side has a profile that

directs fluids toward said at least one fluid drain opening when said side is facing upward.

14. (Original) The outlet of claim 12, wherein said at least one fluid drain opening is four fluid drain openings, each fluid drain opening located substantially opposite one of said openings in said side.

15. (Original) A spill tolerant electrical assembly, comprising:
an enclosure; and
a spill tolerant electrical outlet mounted at least partially within said enclosure, said spill tolerant electrical outlet including:

a housing having a side and an opposite side;
a plurality of electrical terminals accessible through openings in said side; and
at least one fluid drain opening in said opposite side.

16. (Original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein said opposite side has a profile that directs fluids toward said at least one fluid drain opening when said side is facing upward.

17. (Original) The assembly of claim 15, wherein said at least one fluid drain opening is four fluid drain openings, each fluid drain opening located substantially opposite one of said openings in said side.

18. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one hole is configured for draining a fluid from said duplex outlet.